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For : MODIFIED ADENOVIRUS AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 14, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the January 14, 2003 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 14, 2003 Office Action is due on April 14, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-5 without prejudice. Please add claims 17-20 as follows:

17. (New) A modified adenovirus comprising genomic adenoviral DNA which has been modified so that (i) the only gene product of the early region (E4) that is expressed is open reading frame 6 (ORF-6), (ii) the gene

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